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The latest news from the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, a partnership between Broward, Miami-Dade & Palm Beach counties.

GETTING YOU THERE ON THE DOUBLE

The sight of Tri-Rail trains running parallel to Interstate 95 over the New River Bridge will signal that more trains will be running more often, in the not-too-distant future. On, or about, April 30, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority plans to implement an enhanced schedule, which will bring the total number of Tri-Rail trains to 50 per day, Monday through Friday. The new schedule includes additional 20 and 30-minute headways during peak hours of operation, made possible by the completion of the Double Track Corridor Improvement Program.

To accommodate the anticipated increase in ridership, two more Diesel Multiple Units will be added to the equipment fleet, augmenting the four units the SFRTA currently has in stock. This will enable the SFRTA to operate two, three-car train sets as DMUs. Each unit of the DMU carries approximately 30 more passengers than the standard coaches, allowing for increased capacity at a time when ridership is continuing to grow at the rate of 30 percent, over the same time last year.

The SFRTA received more than 350



Completion of the 55-foot-high New River Bridge was the final step in allowing for the expansion of the train schedule.

e-mails in response to request for feedback from passengers regarding the new schedule. Senior staff reviewed every comment that was received and schedule adjustments were made in order to address the majority of the changes requested. For example, earlier southbound and later northbound trains were requested by many shift workers at the Miami International Airport. A southbound train was pushed

back 20 minutes earlier, from 5 a.m. to 4:40 a.m., to accommodate the requests of employees who make Metrorail connections and need to be at their posts in Downtown Miami by 7 a.m.

To view the new schedule, log onto www.tri-rail.com. Passengers without access to the internet can call Customer Service at 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7245) to obtain a copy of the schedule by facsimile or mail.

(Translations on next page)



The new three-car DMU set will go into service once Tri-Rail expands to operating 50 weekday trains.

LLEVÁNDOLE A SU DESTINO "A PASO LIGERO"

La vista de trenes de Tri-Rail transitando en paralelo a la carretera interestatal 95 sobre el puente New River será la señal de que habrá más trenes operando más frecuentemente en el futuro cercano. Hacia el 30 de abril del año en curso, la Autoridad de Transporte del Sur de la Florida (SFRTA, siglas en inglés) pondrá en práctica un horario ampliado, en el que se dispone un total de 50 trenes de Tri-Rail diarios, de lunes a viernes. El nuevo horario incluye adelantos adicionales de 20 y 30 minutos durante las horas de operación pico, posibilitado por la finalización del Proyecto de Mejoras al Corredor de Doble Vías.

Para acomodar el aumento de pasajeros anticipados, dos Unidades Múltiples Diesel (DMU, siglas en inglés) serán añadidas a la flota de equipos, incrementando las cuatros unidades que SFRTA tiene disponible actualmente. Eso permitirá que SFRTA opere dos conjuntos de trenes de tres vagones como trenes DMU. Cada unidad del DMU puede transportar aproximadamente 30 pasajeros más que los vagones normales, de esa manera ampliando la capacidad en una temporada en la que el número de usuarios sigue creciendo a la tasa de un 30 por ciento, en comparación con la misma temporada el año pasado.

SFRTA recibió más de 350 correos electrónicos en respuesta a una solicitud de

comentarios de pasajeros referentes al nuevo horario. Cada comentario recibido fue revisado por el personal encargado y se efectuaron ajustes al horario teniendo en cuenta la mayoría de los cambios solicitados. Por ejemplo, muchos empleados de turno del Aeropuerto Internacional de Miami solicitaron trenes rumbo sur más tempranos y trenes rumbo norte más tardes. Se adelantó la salida de un tren rumbo sur 20 minutos, de las 5:00 a.m. a las 4:40 a.m., conforme las solicitudes de empleados que hacen conexiones con Metrorail y que deben estar en sus puestos a las 7:00 a.m.

Para ver el nuevo horario, visite www.tri-rail.com. Los pasajeros sin acceso a Internet pueden llamar al departamento de atención al cliente a 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7245) para obtener una copia del horario por fax o correo normal.

FÈ W RIVE «A DOUB VITÈS»

Lè w ap wè tren Tri-Rail k ap deplase paralèlman ak Interstate 95 sou New River Bridge la, sa va vle di pral gen plis tren k ap sikile pli souvan, nan yon fiti ki pa fin twò lwen. Apreprè nan dat 30avil, Biwo Transpò Rejyonal Sid Eta Florid ap aplike yon plan pou amelyore orè a, sa ki va ogamnte kantite tren Tri-Rail pou yo atenn 50 pa jou, Lendi a Vandredi. Nouvo orè a gen ladan eka 20 oswa 30 minit pandan è de pwent sikilasyon, ki te vin posib poutèt Pwogram

Amelyorasyon koridò wwa doub byen fini.

Pou kapab reponn a ogmantasyon nan kantite wwayajè nou kwè ap genyen an, n ap ajoute de (2) Inite Miltip Dyezèl nan flòt materyèl nou an, anplis kat (4) inite SFRTA nou deja genyen an stòk. Sa pral pèmèt SFRTA fè tren ak ansanm de (2) oswa twa (3) vwati tankou DMU. Chak inite DMU kapab pote apeprè 30 pasaje anplis pase vagon nòmal yo, kifè kapasite a ogmante nan yon moman kote kantite wwayajè yo ak kontinye ogmante nan yon to ki 30 pousan, pa rapò ak menm lè a ane dènye.

SFRTA resewa plis pase 350 imèl kòm anretou sou kòmanse wwayajè yo genyen sou nouvo orè a. Pèsonèl kad nou te egzamine chak kòmanse nou te resewa e nou te ajiste orè a pou kapab reponn a pifò nan chanjman pasaje yo te mande. Pa egzannp, moun te mande tren ki kòmanse pi bonè an dikresyon Nò e ki sikile pi ta an direksyon Sid pou kapab pote anpil anplwayè ekip lanwit ak maten bonè ki pral travay nan Miami International Airport. Nou te organize pou yon tren kòmanse sikile 20 minit pi bonè, soti 5è am rive 4è:40 am, pou kapab pèmèt anplwaye sila yo pran koneksyon Metrorail e ki bezwen rive nan pòs travay yo nan Downtown Miami anvan 7 am.

Si ou vle gade nouvo orè a, ale nan www.tri-rail.com. Tout pasaje ki pa jwenn aksè pou Entènèt kapab rele Sèvis Kliyan an nan 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7245) pou kapab jwenn yon kopi orè a pa faks oswa pa lapòs.m.

STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES ... AND AIR!

The Southeast Air Coalition for Outreach wants us to stop and take a deep breath this May ... all in the name of Clean Air Month. While our hectic schedules may make it easy for us to take the air and simple act of breathing for granted, SEACO is trying to help remind us of its importance and how it can be protected.

In the U.S., more than 60,000 people die yearly as a result of air pollution. The majority of this pollution, about 50 percent in South Florida, comes from transportation sources. Commuting by trains, county buses and shuttles, bicycles, walking or carpooling are only a few ways we can help in the fight for cleaner air! For more information on May's Clean Air Month activities log onto www.ydrivealone.com. Additionally, information on Clean Air Month and South Florida Commuter Services' ride-sharing programs can be found at www.1800234RIDE.com.





RIDE TRI-RAIL TO THESE POPULAR SOUTH FLORIDA EVENTS



SunFest 2007 will feature numerous national and local acts, including Ludacris (left), Robin Thicke (right), All-American Rejects, The Wallers, Ne-Yo, Jazz Attack and more!

SUNFEST, MAY 3-6*

Music and art lovers are invited to take part in SunFest 2007, Florida's largest music, art and waterfront festival! This four-day event celebrates its 25th year in Downtown West Palm Beach from Thursday, May 3 through Sunday, May 6. Tri-Rail has partnered with SunFest to provide you with the most convenient and economical connection to this exciting event! Tri-Rail will provide dedicated shuttle bus connections from the West Palm Beach Station to the event, available on Friday evening, May 4, Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6. Bus hours of operations are pending. Updates, when available, will be provided at www.tri-rail.com or by contacting Customer Service Representatives at 1-800-TRI-RAIL.

Admission to SunFest ranges from \$23 for a one-day pass to \$45 for advance four-day passes. Children under 12 are free. For more information about SunFest, visit www.sunfest.com or call 561-659-5980 or 1-800-SUNFEST.

WAY TO GO: Event-goers can take Tri-Rail to the West Palm Beach Station and board Tri-Rail's direct shuttle to the event. The shuttle is free to passengers with a valid Tri-Rail ticket, with the West Palm Beach station marked as the destination during weekday travel.

**Tri-Rail will operate on a regular schedule for both events. Please check with Customer Service to see if the new, approved train schedule will be in effect at this time.*

MCDONALD'S® AIR & SEA SHOW® MAY 5-6*

Don't miss out on the annual McDonald's® Air & Sea Show® presented by CBS 4, set to land in Fort Lauderdale May 5 - 6, with a series of thrilling military and civilian activities, featuring the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. Celebrating its 13th year, this two-day free extravaganza will undoubtedly excite spectators, and serve as a celebration of the men and women serving in the military.

For the first-time ever, this year, avid event-goers have the opportunity to purchase Publix Preferred Seating Area tickets as part of a new program to benefit the Florida Panthers Foundation. Tickets are now on sale for \$30 at www.nationalsalute.com or by calling 954-241-7934. Tickets holders will have access to a beachfront chalet, concessions, restrooms and a spectacular viewing opportunity.

WAY TO GO: Event-goers can take Tri-Rail to the Fort Lauderdale Station and board Tri-Rail's direct shuttle bus to the event. The

Catch the roar of the jet engines as the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds fly over Fort Lauderdale during the McDonald's® Air & Sea Show®.



shuttle is free to passengers with a valid Tri-Rail ticket.

Shuttle buses will operate from 8:45 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. In addition, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority/Tri-Rail will offer free rides onboard Tri-Rail for all active military personnel from April 30 through May 6 as part of Fleet Week USA® presented by McDonald's®. A current, active military identification must be presented to confirm eligibility. For more information, call 1-800-TRI-RAIL.

TRAINS & TRESPASSING

Florida ranks fourth in the nation for the number of railroad accident fatalities. Tri-Rail experiences an average of four to six pedestrian, trespasser fatalities each year, many of which occur at sites other than highway-rail grade crossings. Additionally, last year there were 16 "near miss" incidents and the number of incidents and deaths statewide are even greater.

In light of these statistics, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority has teamed up with Amtrak, CSX Transportation, the Federal Railroad Administration and the Florida Department of Transportation, as well as county and municipal law-enforcement agencies and the Homelessness Coalition, to make a change and make a difference. The partnership was created to move full-speed-ahead with an initiative focused on reducing the number of trespasser fatalities on both the South Florida Rail Corridor and Florida East Coast Rail Corridor within Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties.

"It is imperative that we broaden our scope of reference concerning pedestrian fatalities in order to reduce incidents occurring in places other than at highway-rail grade crossings," said Safety & Security Administrator Allen Yoder, SFRTA.

Helping to spread the word about train safety, don't forget about Train Safety Awareness Week, April 16 – 20.



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WHO WILL BE THE NEXT SENIOR IDOL?

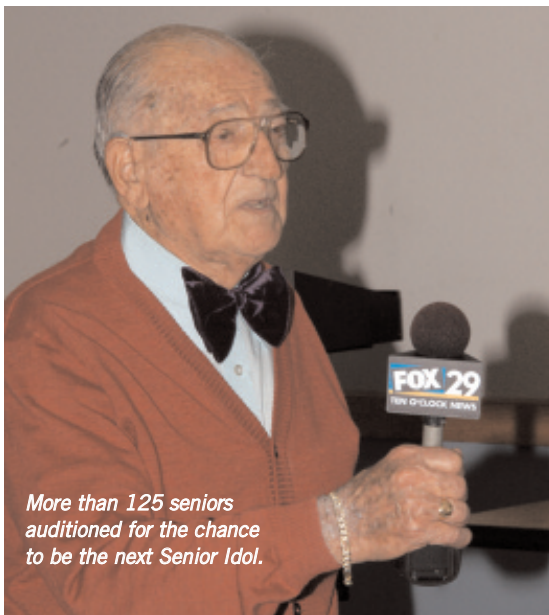
After much anticipation, 12 finalists have been selected to compete in Holy Cross Hospital's Senior Idol presented in part by Tri-Rail. More than 125 seniors recently arrived at Holy Cross Hospital, and sang their hearts out in front of a panel of judges including Marketing Director Bonnie Arnold, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority. Other judges included Marketing Director Melissa Milroy, Galleria at Fort Lauderdale and Director of Education Jesse Carlo, Florida Theatrical Association. In the end, only one winner will be crowned the Senior Idol, and walk away with a \$1,000 cash prize and a pass to ride Tri-Rail for one year.

Tri-Rail partnered with Holy Cross Hospital as part of their new senior-outreach initiative. The initiative strives to unite seniors to assist Tri-Rail in identifying entertaining and uplifting opportunities for seniors, while serving as a forum to discuss pressing issues amongst the senior community. Senior Idol is only one of many efforts Tri-Rail has made to connect with seniors, including presentations at local senior community centers,

The 12 finalists will vie for the title of South Florida's next Senior Idol at the final competition scheduled for May 22, 2007, at 7 p.m. at Parker Playhouse, 707 N.E. 8th Street, Fort Lauderdale.

Reserved seating tickets to Holy Cross Hospital's Senior Idol are \$10 and are available for purchase at the Parker Playhouse Box Office, by logging onto www.parkerplayhouse.com or by calling 954-462-0222. Box Office hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m., closed

Sunday and Monday, and open one and a half hours before shows on show days.



More than 125 seniors auditioned for the chance to be the next Senior Idol.

Congratulations to the 2007 finalists!

- Sonny Allegro, Hollywood
- Margaret Cinelli, Plantation
- Joey Conza, Margate
- Penny Eman, Coconut Creek
- Philip Finkelstein, Coconut Creek
- Marie Gervasi, Sunrise
- Mel Greensteln, Miami
- Jerome Hafter, Boca Raton
- Victor Keiser, Delray Beach
- Shirley Rothbart, Boca Raton
- Michael Wolfman, Boca Raton
- Gary Zicholtz, Lake Worth



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